

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Yoichi IZUMI, et al.

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Application No.: 10/511,199

Customer No.: 53080  
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Group Art Unit: 1795

Examiner: Alix Elizabeth Echelmeyer

Title: ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2007 having a three-month shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on February 14, 2008. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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